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AFGHAN DRAFT IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION

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¶11. (SBU) Polmilloff discussed reftel message December 10 with Ismail Amerkhil, MFA UN Desk. Amerkhil said that Afghan draft CWC implementing legislation has been developed by a GOA interagency commission. The draft legislation currently is at the MOD, which has responsibility for forwarding the text to the Cabinet for approval. Once approved by the Cabinet, the draft legislation must be sent to the Parliament for review and approval. Amerkhil could not predict when the implementing legislation might be promulgated. He emphasized the difficulty of moving the process forward amidst the GOA's many other competing legislative priorities, but underlined that the MFA will continue its efforts. Amerkhil mentioned that the Finnish Embassy and local European Commission office had queried the MFA on the status of the implementing legislation. He further noted that he has provided a copy of the GOA's draft legislation to an OPCW representative at an October conference in Kyrgyzstan. Amerkhil said that the MFA also is following up on an offer from the OPCW to provide further training on national implementation issues.

¶12. (SBU) Comment: Since the formation of the Afghan Parliament following national elections one year ago, the system for developing and approving national legislation is a work in progress. The constitutional framework is in place, and legislation addressing a number of urgent Afghan national priorities is under review, but government officials and parliamentarians are facing a large backlog of presidential

decrees and laws. Agenda priorities for Parliament are very difficult to predict. Parliament is on winter recess until January 21. It therefore is difficult to assess when the GOA's draft CWC implementing legislation will be finalized.

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